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Mr. Robert Asgian County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County 1955 Workman Mill Road Whittier, CA 90607-4998

Dear Mr. Asgian:

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL, WHITTIER, CA (FILE NO. 57-220)

Reference is made to our letter dated October 21, 2005, regarding the proposed amending of the Waste Discharge Requirements (Regional Board Order No. 90-046, adopted March 26, 1990, Order No. 91-035, adopted March 4, 1991, Order No. 93-070, adopted November 1, 1993, Order No. 94-103, adopted September 26, 1994, and Order No. 99-059, adopted March 26, 1999) for the Puente Hills Landfill (Landfill). The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) were originally released for public comment on August 31, 2005. As you know, the Regional Board requested comments regarding the tentative WDRs be submitted by October 12, 2005. Comments were received from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (CSDLAC) clarifying a variety of requirements contained in the tentative WDRs and from Ms. Toni Stein regarding the acceptance of incinerator ash for disposal at the Landfill. Subsequently, CSDLAC staff requested that consideration of the tentative WDRs be deferred to provide CSDLAC staff the opportunity to evaluate whether it is practical to modify Landfill operational practices to address Ms. Stein's concerns. By our letter dated October 21, 2005, Regional Board staff deferred of consideration of the tentative WDRs until the March 9, 2006 Board meeting conditioned on, among other items:

"On or before January 27, 2006, the CSDLAC shall submit a response/discussion regarding Ms. Stein's comments to this Regional Board. The submittal should be accompanied by an electronic version that can be made available to all interested parties via the Regional Board website."

It is our understanding that Sanitation Districts' staff and Ms. Stein met on January 24, 2006 to finalize a better understanding of her concerns. In order to fully address these concerns, the Sanitation Districts requests that the deadline for the requested response be extended from January 27, 2006 to February 6, 2006.

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Regional Board staff support the cooperative effort by all interested parties regarding the tentative WDRs for the Landfill. Regional Board staff approves a revised February 6, 2006 submittal date given that it is well before February 23, 2006, the date through which the RWQCB is accepting public comments, thus we believe that there is ample time allowed for any interested party to evaluate the information and comment prior to the Board meeting.

You are reminded that the public meeting will be held on March 9, 2006, beginning at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Long Beach Water Department, Groundwater Treatment Plant located at 2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA. Also, public comments regarding the tentative WDRs will be accepted through Thursday, February 23, 2006.

If you have any questions, please call Enrique Casas at (213) 620-2299 or me at (213) 620-6119.

Sincerely,

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